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To: MLPAcomments@resources.ca.gov; Melissa Miller-Henson
Subject: Comment to BRTF Members, 9/27/05

Dear Chairman Isenberg and members of the Task Force,

I want you to know that my experience participating in the CCRSG has been as part of a group whose members are **fully engaged** in a process respectful of all present. The facilitators have carefully created an environment for **free and equal expression**, and voting procedures that reflect both the opinions of the stakeholders, and the intensity of those opinions.

For example, The vote on where to place the language about socio-economic impacts demonstrated that the staff recommendation (for it to be a Design Consideration) properly reflects the aggregate opinion of the RSG: it conflicts with the closely held values of none of us. We also know that several stakeholders have a less intense preference for it to be an Objective, an option that was difficult for several others to live with.

The process that produced Goal 3, Objective 1 was long and intense. Staff devoted uncountable hours to one-on-one discussion with numerous stakeholders, including myself. They devoted huge energy to finding a solution that was acceptable to all, and a huge amount of work was done by staff and many stakeholders. The result is not entirely satisfying to me. Neither is it entirely satisfying to other stakeholders with different views than my own. In short it is **an admirable compromise**, and for that reason I spoke at the latest RSG meeting in favor of its acceptance.

I am disappointed that we did not retain an objective assuring that our map proposals would be designed as part of a statewide network, in concert with SAT guidelines. As a group working in one project area, we were not charged with maintaining that breadth of vision. Your perspective will, perhaps, guide you to restore that language (under Goal 6).

Thanks for taking the time to review these comments! This process is **working well to incorporate the needs and values of all** involved, it is a privilege to participate.

Sincerely Yours,

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PS My **great** thanks to Ms. Miller-Henson for relaying this note to you, and saving me an entire day's trip to deliver this brief message in person.

I've created this email address specifically to accept correspondence on marine reserves, MLPA, and related issues. Please send comments and questions to:
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